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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST: EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI AGREEMENT

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FOR UNEF TASK FORCE

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS VOLUNTEERED TO
AMB SCHAUFEL BY HIGH SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL OUT OF A REPORT
BY GEN SIILASVUO. HE INSISTS AND WE STRONGLY AGREE THAT
THE SOURCE OF THE INFO BE STRICTLY PROTECTED IN ORDER
NOT TO PREJUDICE UN AND UNEF OPERATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL STATUS
AND TO ASSURE OUR CONTINUING ACCESS TO SUCH INFO.

2. SIILASVUO MET WITH EGYPTIAN MIN OF WAR TODAY.
MEETING SCHEDULED EARLIER TO DISCUSS UNEF MATTERS BUT
NATURALLY GOT INTO QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI AGREEMENT
WHICH SIILASVUO IS ARRANGING ON THE SPOT.

3. MIN SAID THAT AGREEMENT WAS DEPENDENT ON THE PRIOR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF ITS TERMS, PARTICULARLY
ITEM B CONCERNING OCT. 22 LINE AND ITEM E CONCERNING
CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD.

4. REGARDING OCT. 22 LINE THE MIN, STRANGELY ENOUGH,
MENTIONED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RES 242 AND THEN WENT ON
TO SAY THAT UN RESES 338 AND 339 FORESAW ISRAELI WITH-
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5. REGARDING THE CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD THE MIN SAID THAT
HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THERE WERE TO BE NO ISRAELI
TROOPS ON THE ROAD EXCEPT AT THE BANK OF CANAL AND
ISRAELIS WERE TO EVACUATE SUEZ CITY, ABABIYA AND MOUNT

ATAQA.

6. SIILASVUO WAS EVIDENTLY CONCERNED AS TO WHETHER HE REALLY SHOULD GO ON WITH THE MEETING SINCE HE WAS UNABLE TO INTERPRET THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. OUR SOURCE'S REACTION, IN WHICH SCHAUVELE CONCURRED WAS THAT IT IS NOT HIS JOB TO INTERPRET THE AGREEMENT BUT TO GET SIGNATURES. SHOULD THIS PROVE IMPOSSIBLE THE PARTIES WILL REFER IT BACK TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. UN WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SIILASVUO GO AHEAD AND HOLD MEETING. SCHAUFEELE POINTED OUT, REGARDING ITEM B, THAT AGREEMENT IS TO HOLD "DISCUSSIONS" ABOUT OCT. 22 LINE.

7. COMMENT: WE UNABLE TO ASSESS WHETHER MIN IS NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE AGREEMENT BY HIS OWN GOVERNMENT OR WHETHER THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH ONE COULD EXPECT TO BE DIFFICULT IN ANY CASE.
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